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2016 was ended by an unlikely event where Pidie Jaya, Aceh Indonesia was shaken by an earthquake that quickly caught major attention from ASEAN and the world due to its catastrophic impact to the people of Aceh. Therefore, the AHA Centre would like to express a sincere condolence for those who were affected and the losses caused by the incident.

The AHA Centre swiftly coordinated and strived to support the National Disaster Management Authority of Indonesia (BNPB) in handling the post-disaster situation.

Along with this concern, this month's edition of The Column covered a special section on how to respond during an earthquake situation in the Insights section. We hope that the recommendations provided could be useful for our readers in terms of responding to earthquake in the future.

Aside from the emergency response and deployment to Pidie Jaya Aceh, the AHA Centre also conducted two important events in December 2016 – The ASEAN Incident Command System (ICS) Working Group Meeting and Workshop on the Five-Year ICS Roadmap Priority Actions in Manila, the Philippines, and the 2016 Annual Review and 2017 Strategic Planning Workshop. Reviews of both activities are covered in the News Story section of this month's edition.

The Column's editorial team would like to say Happy New Year 2017 to all our readers. May 2017 bring joy and happiness to all of us, the resilient and solidarity ASEAN Member States.

Last but not least, we are open if you would like to share some stories / articles / blogs / comments with us to improve the bulletin. Please drop us a message at comm@ahacentre.org, and we will do the rest.

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**Aceh Pidie Jaya Earthquake, December 2016**

On December 7th, 2016, at around 5:03 AM (local time), an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.5 M shook Sigli City, Aceh Province, Indonesia with a shallow depth of 10 km. The tremor was felt strongly in Pidie, Pidie Jaya and the surrounding districts. Indonesia is prone to earthquakes due to its geographical location on the Pacific "Ring of Fire", an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin.

As much as 425,974 populations (according to the National Statistics Bureau) in Pidie District rushed out of their residents and tried to reach higher ground. It was not the first time for the Pidie District to experience a massive earthquake attack. Based on the ASEAN Disaster Information Network (ADINet), the area has been affected by a 5.6 M earthquake in October 2013. Prior to this, in July 2013 the area of Bener Meriah district shook by a 6.2 M earthquake, which caused severe damages and displaced 37,000 people, with a total of 42 people who reported died due to the earthquake.

The current Pidie Jaya Earthquake brought back the horrible memory of Tsunami that devastated Aceh in the memory of 9 December 2004. Although there was no Tsunami warning issued, some of the locals said the earthquake felt even stronger than the 2004 Tsunami earthquake.

The earthquake was followed by approximately 74 aftershocks the subsequent days. As of 20 December 2016, the National Disaster Management Authority of Indonesia (BNPB) reported that the death toll reached 104 people who mostly lived in Pidie Jaya District.

Based on latest report, dated 20 December 2016, the earthquake has caused 104 casualties and damaged 18,752 houses in total. A total of 85,256 people are still staying in the evacuation places in Pidie Jaya, while all evacuees in Biereun and Pidie have already returned homes or stayed with their relatives.

The local government and BPNB have initiated meetings to discuss about the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Action Plan on 19 December.

The National Search and Rescue Agency of Indonesia led the search and rescue operations with around 2,400 personnel throughout Pidie Jaya and Pidie Bireuen. As of now, there are no longer any reported missing people.

The AHA Centre conducted an Emergency Briefing on the day of the first shock while closely monitoring the situation. The AHA

Centre EOC Status was on 'Yellow Alert' since 7 December 2016 – the Yellow Alert put in motion several protocols and procedures including heightened monitoring. The ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT) sent four personnel to provide rapid assessment and determine the critical resources and reliefs required by the affected people. The AHA Centre assisted the ASEAN-ERAT officers in doing the tasks.

On 9 December 2016, three more AHA Centre staffs were deployed to the affected area to join the one staff and four ASEAN-ERAT Members who already in Aceh to further provide assistance. Along the process, the AHA Centre has been working closely with the BNPB since 7 December 2016.

As much as 3,962 personnel from the BNPB, national and local authorities, police and military officers as well as international assistance showed agile responses towards the unlikely event.

The President of Indonesia, Joko Widodo (Jokowi), visited the affected area of Pidie Jaya on 9 December 2016 morning to look at damages and visit wounded victims in the Tengku Chik Ditiro Regional Hospital and shelters for the displaced families. During the visit, President Jokowi ordered the reconstruction few of the mosques destroyed by the tremor to be jointly rebuilt immediately. Children of the affected families welcomed the President with a song called "Who Owns Jokowi".

In the spirit and solidarity of One ASEAN One Response and based on the identified needs, the AHA Centre deployed the relief items from the Disaster Emergency Logistics System of ASEAN (DELSA) Stockpile, based in Malaysia, managed by the WFP/UNHRD.

Following this decision, official handover ceremony of DELSA relief items was conducted in Aceh, from Mr. Said Faisal, Executive Director of the AHA Centre, to H.E. Willem Rampangilei, Chief of BNPB in Pidie Jaya Aceh. Through coordination with various partners and relevant parties, the relief items were delivered in two flight rotations. The relief items included hundreds of kitchen sets, family tents, shelter repair kits, hygiene kits, and family kits.

Mr. Bachtiar Andy Musaffa, Disaster Monitoring and Analysis Officer of the AHA Centre were one of the first people who were deployed to Aceh on 8 December 2016. He stated that as of 15 December 2016, the condition in the affected area – particularly in Pidie Jaya area – has improved since the first

day he arrived at the site. Although some facilities and roads are still broken, but electricity and more basic supplies are available.

"On behalf of the team, I would like to express our condolences towards what happened in Pidie Jaya, Aceh. The AHA Centre is doing an ongoing coordination with BNPB and our maximum efforts to ease the burden of the affected people", said Mr. Bachtiar Andy Musaffa, Disaster Monitoring and Analysis Officer of the AHA Centre.

It is always a learning process for the AHA Centre and ASEAN-ERAT Members to exercise and have a better experience regarding commando and response of disaster management in a practical way. Aside from a form of solidarity and the spirit of One ASEAN One Response, the support from DELSA Stockpile and ASEAN-ERAT Members deployment in the field added to on-the-field experience of all the officers in assessment management.

"Main responsibilities of the AHA Centre during the deployment of our staff to the affected area include, but not limited to, give support to the government and authorities, handle relief items distribution, and assist ASEAN-ERAT Members in doing the task," explained by Mr. Bachtiar Andy Musaffa, Disaster Monitoring and Analysis Officer of the AHA Centre.

There are still three aspects that need to be done by the local and national members from the Government at the national level during the post-disaster period, including:

1. Conduct data verification, especially regarding the damaged infrastructure and facilities to determine the loss of value caused by the earthquake
2. Escalate the reconstruction of public facilities, especially mosques, hospitals, and schools
3. Rehabilitation and reconstruction plans, where there will be contributions from the national level of government in the mean to rebuild the area

Meanwhile, on 15 December 2016, the AHA Centre received the second batch of staff and ASEAN-ERAT Members deployment to continue the assessment coordination and information management, while constantly report the current condition of the affected people and the area.



Photo gallery of the response given by the AHA Centre and partners to assist the National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB) during the post-earthquake in Pidie Jaya Aceh.

# 6.5 M EQ PIDIE JAYA - ACEH

as of 21 December 2016

Summary of Casualties in 3 Districts of Aceh:  
Pidie Jaya, Bireuen, Pidie.

	Death	<b>104</b> People
	Displaced	<b>85,256</b> People
	Heavily Injured	<b>397</b> People
	Lightly Injured	<b>616</b> People
	Houses Damaged	<b>18,752</b> Units
	Shophouses Damaged	<b>139</b> Units
	Masjid Damaged	<b>139</b> Units
	School Damaged	<b>1</b> Unit
	Hospital Damaged	<b>1</b> Unit



6.5 M earthquake affected 3 districts of Aceh (Pidie, Pidie Jaya Aceh and Bireuen) with III scale of intensity (SIG-BMKG or VI MMI)

Source of information from BNPB modified by AHA Centre

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6.5 M earthquake in Pidie Jaya, Aceh Province, on Wednesday 7 Dec 2016 at 05:03 hrs (UTC+7) inland with epicentrum located at 5.19° N and 96.38° E. BNPB along with local government along with the army and volunteers work together in providing emergency response and assistance. AHA Centre and ASEAN Member States stand ready to provide support to this disaster in coordination with BNPB.



#### National Stakeholders Involved:

- 1,346 Indonesian **TNI** (Army)
- 42 Local disaster **Mgm Agency BPBD**
- 40 Volunteers from **Ministry of Social**
- 124 Medical personnel from **PMI and Aceh Medical Crisis Centre**

BNPB provided support to the BPBD

## NEWS STORY

### 2016 Annual Review and 2017 Strategic Planning Workshop

Every end of year, members of the AHA Centre gather to review what has been done in the current year and to discuss the strategic planning of the coming year.

The 2016 Annual Review and 2017 Strategic Planning Workshop was conducted on 5 – 8 December 2016 in Jakarta and Bogor. On the first day of the gathering, members of the AHA Centre reviewed the performance over the past 2016 and received a briefing regarding the AHA Centre's new organisational structure and the transition period. On this section, Mr. Said Faisal as the Executive Director and Ms. Adelina Kamal as the Deputy Executive Director of the AHA Centre provided the explanation.

The discussion continued to the finalisation of AHA Centre's Work Plan 2020 to determine the activities, timelines, budget, and required sources as well as the funding.

Next, the session involved presentations from each division to present their portions of the 2020 work plan and their plans for 2017. By the end of that day, the Senior Management Team approved and consolidated the 2020 work plan and 2017 annual plan.

To become the best in what they do, members of the AHA Centre aspire to be the "Super Team". The team had managed to prepare a special session to define the "Super Team", – including the vision and mission, the core values, the code of conduct, and the expected performance of the "Super Team".

It is with great hope that 2017 will be another year of success, and solidarity amongst the AHA Centre and the ASEAN Member States, as well as with other parties will be strengthened.

### ASEAN Incident Command System (ICS) Working Group Meeting and Workshop on the Five-Year ICS Roadmap Priority Actions

The AHA Centre conducted a workshop in collaboration with the Philippines' Office of Civil Defense (OCD) / National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (DRRMC) with the support from United States Forest Service (USFS) to develop an ASEAN Roadmap on Incident Command System (ICS).

The workshop that was held in a two-day event in Manila, the Philippines, managed to develop a roadmap that is envisioned to become a global model of ICS best practices to enhance regional coordination in ASEAN by 2025. The AHA Centre believes that the ASEAN should develop highly skilled, credible, and professional Incident Management Teams (IMTs) and enhance regional joint response mechanisms to achieve this vision.

One of the means in realising the vision is to actively engage with ASEAN Member States (AMS) that are considered pioneers in the field of ICS. Therefore, through the ICS Working Group Meeting and Workshop, the AHA Centre invited Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines, and Thailand to involve in the development of the ASEAN Roadmap on ICS as these respective countries have successfully implemented ICS.

Representatives from each NDMO discussed key issues during the workshop, including:

1. Formalising the establishment of the ICS Technical Working Group (ICS TWG)
2. Finalising the framework for the 5-year ASEAN ICS Roadmap
3. Exchanging information on the implementation of ICS in their respective countries

It is with great expectation that the Working Group could perform their best in implementing the road map and achieve the vision by 2025.



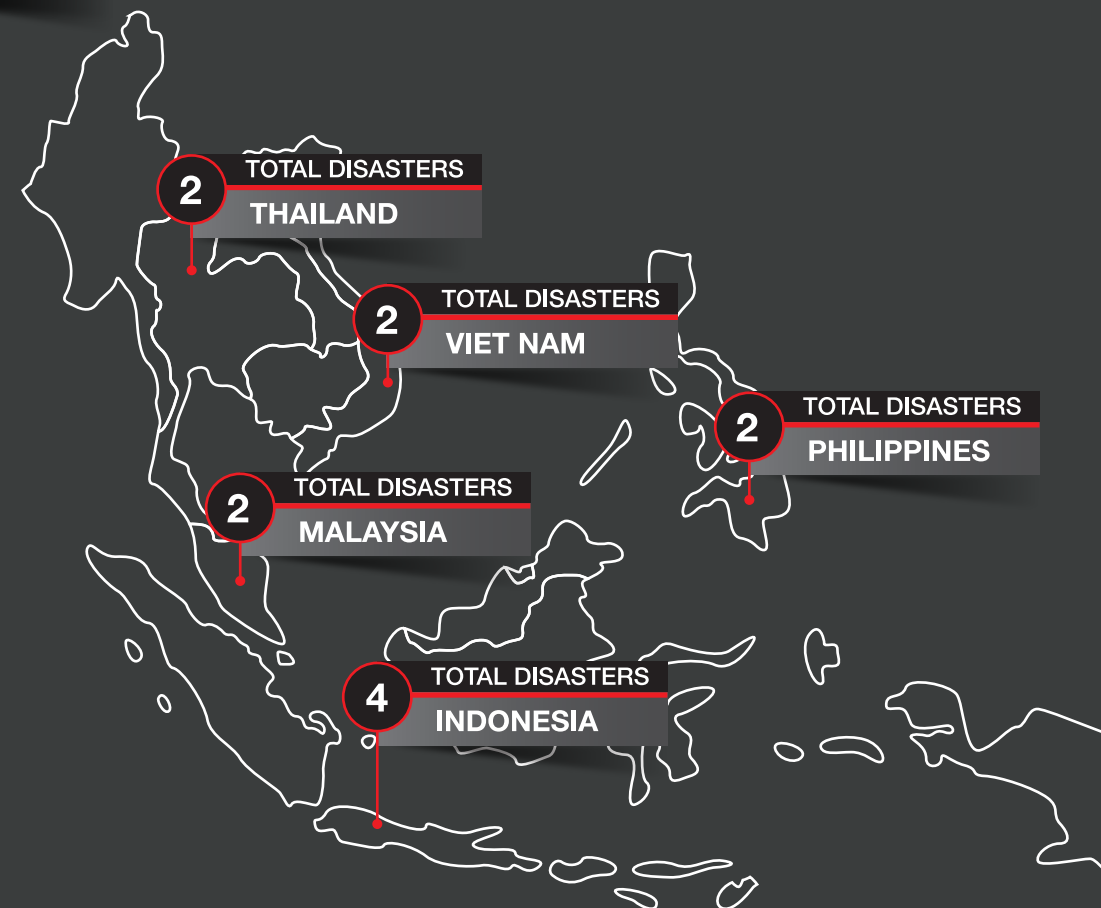
Discussion during the Meeting and Workshop on the Five-Year ICS Roadmap Priority Actions



Group Photo during the ASEAN ICS Working Group Meeting and Workshop on the Five-Year ICS Roadmap Priority Actions

## DISASTER OUTLOOK

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### THIS SECTION COVERS DISASTER OUTLOOK DATA FROM 1 - 28 DECEMBER 2016

	Affected Houses	<b>24,700</b> Units		Death	<b>124</b> People
	Affected Agriculture	<b>2,000</b> Ha		Displaced People	<b>332,000</b> People
	Affected Population	<b>353,000</b> People		Injured People	<b>970</b> People

#### DECEMBER

#### DISASTER COMPARISON NUMBER

2015 - Black bar	FLOOD	EARTHQUAKE	WIND	DROUGHT	LANDSLIDE	VOLCANO	STORM
8	9	0	1	3	2	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DISCLAIMER:  
The use of boundaries, geographic names and related data shown are not warranted to be error free or implying official endorsement from ASEAN Member State.

SOURCE:  
Basemap is from global administrative area. Information is generated from many sources including NDMO, International Organisation and news agencies.

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How to respond during an earthquake?

Source: American Red Cross Website - <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/earthquake>

The unlikely event of an earthquake recently occurred in Pidie Jaya, Aceh, Indonesia and caused damage and casualties. Earthquake is one of the deadliest disasters and is often happened within the region. Therefore people need to be aware of how to react if an earthquake suddenly occurs – especially those who live within an earthquake prone area.

The American Red Cross provides the following information on what we need to be aware of when responding to an earthquake. There are two possible circumstances when an earthquake could occur, i.e. when the person is inside a building or when the person is outside a building and in an open area.

Here what you should do.

When you are inside when the shaking starts:



Stop everything that you're doing and drop down to the ground.



Find a cover (like a strong and stable table) and hide underneath it to hold on. Try to move as little as possible.



If you are in bed, just stay there. Try to curl up and hold on while protecting your head with a pillow.



Stay away from windows to avoid being injured by shattered glass.



Stay indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit. When it is, use stairs rather than the elevator in case there are aftershocks, power outages, or other damage.

When you are outside when the shaking starts:



Find a clear spot away from buildings, power lines, trees, or streetlights like in the clear open area.



Drop to the ground to avoid yourself from falling and stay there until the shaking stops.



If you are in a vehicle, pull over to a clear location and stop. Avoid bridges, overpasses, and power lines if possible.



Stay in your car or vehicle with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking stops. Then, drive carefully and avoid bridges or ramps that may have been damaged.



If you are in a mountainous area or near unstable slopes or cliffs, be aware of possible falling rocks and other debris. Landslides are often triggered by earthquakes.

For people who live within the earthquake prone area, it is important to find as much of the information as possible to prepare for possible earthquake that might happen anytime. Here are several preparation tips that could be done prior to an earthquake occurrence:



Being aware of fire evacuation and earthquake safety plans if your building has one.



Pick safe places in each room of your home, workplace and/or school.



Keep a flashlight and sturdy shoes by each person's bed in case the earthquake strikes in the middle of the night.



Hang heavy items, such as pictures and mirrors away from beds, couches, and places people might sleep or sit.



Keep an emergency supplies kit in an easy-to-access location.



I felt so fortunate to have a very supportive and dynamic team as we back up and support each other..I do believe that the little things we did bring a world to the others.

Ms. Nurul Fatien Rusly

One of the ASEAN – ERAT Members from Malaysia who was deployed to Pidie Jaya Aceh



In this month's edition, The Column had the opportunity to interview Ms. Nurul Fatien Rusly who was one of the graduates of the ACE Programme batch 1 and showed major development in her career within the disaster management after two years of the programme. In the interview, she described her recent experience being deployed to Pidie Jaya Aceh, Indonesia to represent ASEAN-ERAT in providing assistance after the earthquake.

To start, can you share with us why you choose to do this work? Why and how did you get into the disaster management field?

I started my service with the Government of Malaysia in 2010 as Assistant Secretary of the National Security Council, doing security related work in one of its divisions. When I was with the NSC, I got to know that there was one division doing disaster management and it's really 'calling' me to be in that division and be part of the team. Being active in society and doing charity works back in my university life, I found that humanitarian and charity work is near to my heart. Later in 2011, I got an opportunity to be with the Disaster Management Division of NSC. That is how I got into a disaster management field which now has become my passion.

You are one of the graduates of the first batch of ACE Programme. How did your career change after you graduated?

After graduated from ACE Programme in 2014, I found that I've been seen as a reference, especially when it comes to regional mechanism and logistical arrangement. I get the opportunity to represent my agency regionally and internationally.

In 2014, Malaysia's worst monsoon flood has led the Government to establish a National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA), a dedicated agency in coordinating and handling disaster management. I was among the team that was asked to join the agency and continued serving in disaster management. Currently I'm working with the Mitigation Division of NADMA.

We know that you participated in the relief item distributions during the post Pidie Jaya's earthquake response. What did you do there? Can you share with us how you appointed to do the task?

Yes. I was representing the ASEAN-ERAT, together with my colleague from Malaysia and another two from Singapore. Our main role in Aceh was to support the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) which during this deployment, National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB). From our briefing with the NDMO, we were tasked to assist the local authority in assessing damage houses and coordinate the mobilisation of DELSA stockpile from Subang to the affected areas.

For the deployment, it started by a mission alert by AHA Centre and asked for the ERAT's availability via SMS, email and phone-call after affected Member States accept the offer of assistance from ASEAN. ERAT members who responded available for deployment will be identified and the mobilisation of ERAT personnel will be arranged by the AHA Centre. In my case, I received a call from the AHA Centre on the ERAT activation and responded with my availability. Then, the AHA Centre issued the deployment letter to my Director General asking for approval of my deployment and the arrangement for me to fly to Aceh was made right after.

Was it your first deployment? If not, what makes your recent deployment different to the previous ones?

It was my first deployment after being certified as an ERAT member in 2014. I always look forward for my first deployment and it happened that Aceh was my first 'training' ground.

Other than handling the mobilisation of DELSA stockpiles, ERAT members were mandated by BNPB to assist the local authority in carrying out the assessment on the affected/damaged houses under the responsibility of the Aceh Public Work Department. During the assessment, the team was divided into few groups and were assigned to tag along with the local teams to conduct the assessment.

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## About ASEAN

*The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967. The Member States of the Association are Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. The ASEAN Secretariat is based in Jakarta, Indonesia. As set out in the ASEAN Declaration, the aims and purposes of ASEAN among others are to accelerate the economic growth, social progress, cultural development, to promote regional peace and stability as well as to improve active collaboration and cooperation.*

## About The AHA Centre

*The AHA Centre is an inter-governmental organisation established on 17 November 2011, through the signing of the Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) by ASEAN Foreign Ministers, witnessed by the ASEAN Heads of State / Government from 10 ASEAN Member States: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The Centre was set-up to facilitate the cooperation and coordination among ASEAN Member States and with the United Nations and international organisations for disaster management and emergency response in the ASEAN region.*


## About AADMER

*The ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) is a legally-binding regional policy framework for cooperation, coordination, technical assistance and resource mobilisation in all aspects of disaster management in the 10 ASEAN Member States. The objective of AADMER is to provide an effective mechanism to achieve substantial reduction of disaster losses in lives and in social, economic and environmental assets, and to jointly respond to emergencies through concerted national efforts.*

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